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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BROWN TO MOD APEL LETTER AND VISIT OF
SECRETARY BROWN TO FRG

1. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF CHARGE REQUEST EMBASSY
FORWARD THE FOLLOWING TO MOD APEL QUOTE DEAR MINISTER
APEL: PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM REGARDS AS YOU ASSUME YOUR
NEW MINISTERIAL POST. YOU ARE TAKING THE DEFENSE PORT-
FOLIO AT A CHALLENGING TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE
ALLIANCE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MAJOR PROGRAMS AND
DECISIONS WHICH WILL COME BEFORE THE ALLIANCE FOR DECISION
THIS SPRING. I HAVE IN MIND SUCH THINGS AS THE LONG
TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AND AWACS.

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IN ORDER FOR US TO FACE THESE DECISIONS IN A WAY WHICH
WILL ENSURE THE HEALTH OF THE ALLIANCE, IT IS IN MY VIEW
ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE DEFENSE
TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

AS SOON AS YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE MANY
DEMANDS OF YOUR NEW POSITION, I WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET

WITH YOU AT A PLACE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT FOR A THOROUGH
DISCUSSION OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS AND CONCERNS.

SINCERELY, HAROLD BROWN. END OF QUOTE. LETTER WILL BE

MAILED DIRECTLY TO MOD APEL.

2. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY DETERMINE THROUGH OFFICES OF
CHANCELLOR AND MOD IF IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR
MINISTER APEL TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BROWN IN BONN ON
28 MARCH. SECDEF WOULD ARRIVE EARLY MORNING 28 MARCH,
HAVE INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND
WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT (PREFERABLY
IN THE MORNING) IF IT IS CONVENIENT. HE COULD THEN
MEET WITH MINISTER APEL (PREFERABLY IN THE AFTERNOON).
SECDEF IS AMENABLE TO A TWO-DAY VISIT, IF NECESSARY.

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